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C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 8037

FOR AMBASSADOR STEDMAN FROM SHELTON AND EINAUDI

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GY

SUBJECT: GUYANA REVIEW

REF: STATE 189924

1. THIS TRIP, ESPECIALLY THE STOP IN GEORGETOWN, HAS BEEN SO FAST PACED AND RICH IN IMPRESSIONS THAT OUR REPORTING HAS NECESSARILY BEEN FRAGMENTARY -- PARTICULARLY FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ANYTHING AS COMPREHENSIVE AS THE GUYANA REVIEW.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT A SHIFT IN US POLICIES TOWARD GUYANA WOULD BE RECIPROCATED TO A SIGNIFICANT EXTENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA. AS WE WERE TOLD PRIVATELY BY A SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, QUOTE SOCIALISM, AT LEAST AS WE HAD CONCEIVED OF IT IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD, HAS FAILED, AND FAILED MISERABLY. FORTUNATELY FOR US, JIMMY CARTER'S ELECTION GIVES US A SECOND CHANCE UNQUOTE.

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3. THE OPPORTUNITY POSED IS THUS QUITE SUBSTANTIAL. BUT THE ISSUES INVOLVED ARE ALSO SUBSTANTIAL. THE FIRST IS HOW FAR TO GO IN QUOTE NORMALIZING UNQUOTE RELATIONS. THOUGH THIS IS RELATIVELY EASY, IT WILL, FOR EXAMPLE, REQUIRE RESUMPTION OF MILITARY SALES AND CREDITS ON A SCALE PROPORTIONAL TO THAT OF

GUYANA'S NEIGHBORS. IT WILL ALSO REQUIRE FULLER DEVELOPMENT OF OUR BILATERAL AID PROGRAM.

4. THE SECOND AND FAR MORE DIFFICULT ISSUE IS HOW FAR TO RESPOND TO GUYANA'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THE FACT THAT THERE ARE NO RUBLES UNDERSCORES THE POTENTIAL POLITICAL MILEAGE WE COULD OBTAIN BY BEING RESPONSIVE. IN ADDITION, GUYANA'S RESOURCES GIVE IT A POTENTIALLY KEY PLACE IN THE CARIBBEAN. ON THE OTHER HAND, GUYANA IS BUT ONE OF SEVERAL NEEDY COUNTRIES IN THE REGION, AND THE VERY EXTENT AND ORIGINS OF ITS DIFFICULTIES SUGGEST THAT WE SHOULD CONSIDER OUR RESPONSE KEEPING IN MIND OUR FULL RANGE OF CARIBBEAN OPTIONS.

5. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT THE REVIEW BE POSTPONED TWO DAYS UNTIL THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, TO ENABLE US TO PARTICIPATE IN IT IN PERSON.  
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